

Resources for Judith Basin County

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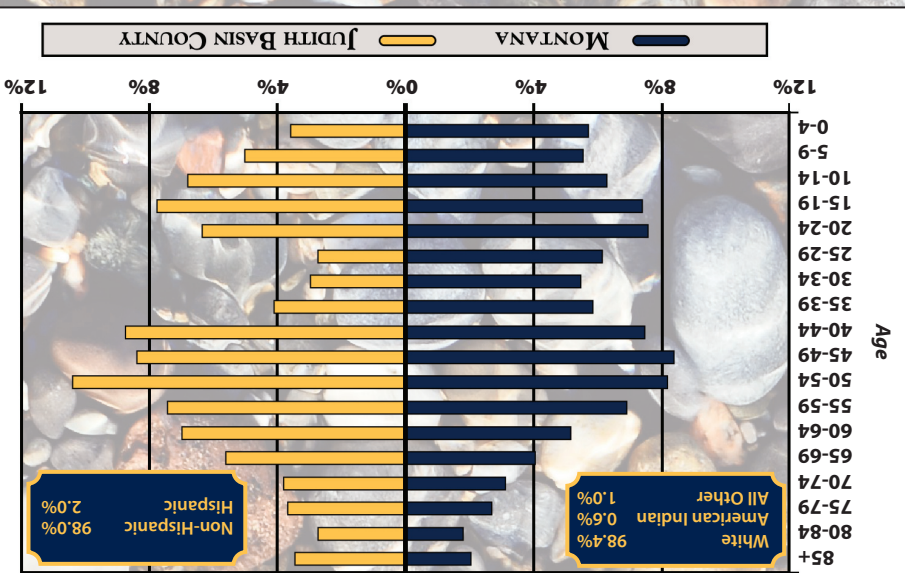
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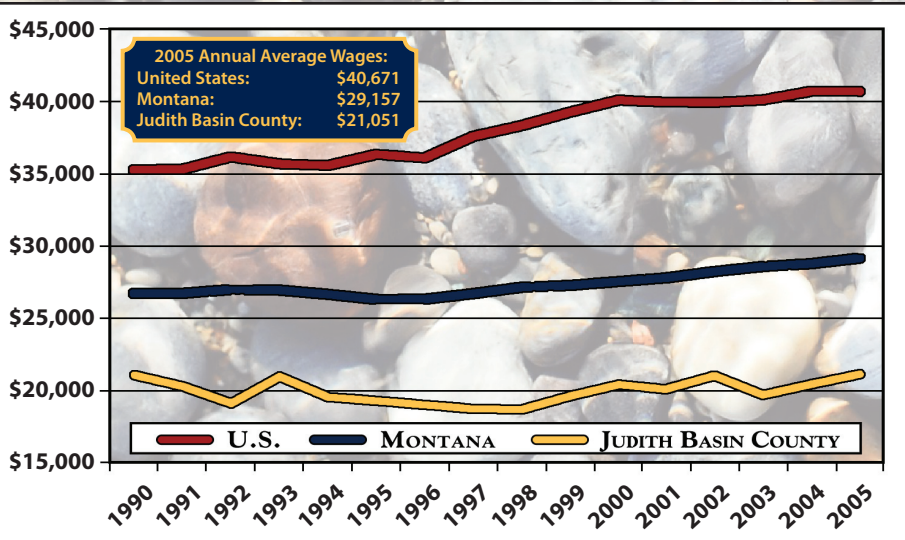


Distribution of Population by Age

| Geography | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Montana | 902,195 | 906,098 | 910,395 | 917,885 | 926,920 | 935,670 |
| Judith Basin County | 2,229 | 2,258 | 2,256 | 2,194 | 2,204 | 2,198 |
| Hobson | 244 | 237 | 237 | 230 | 231 | 231 |
| Stanford | 454 | 440 | 439 | 427 | 429 | 428 |
| Balance of Judith Basin Cty. | 1,631 | 1,581 | 1,580 | 1,537 | 1,544 | 1,539 |

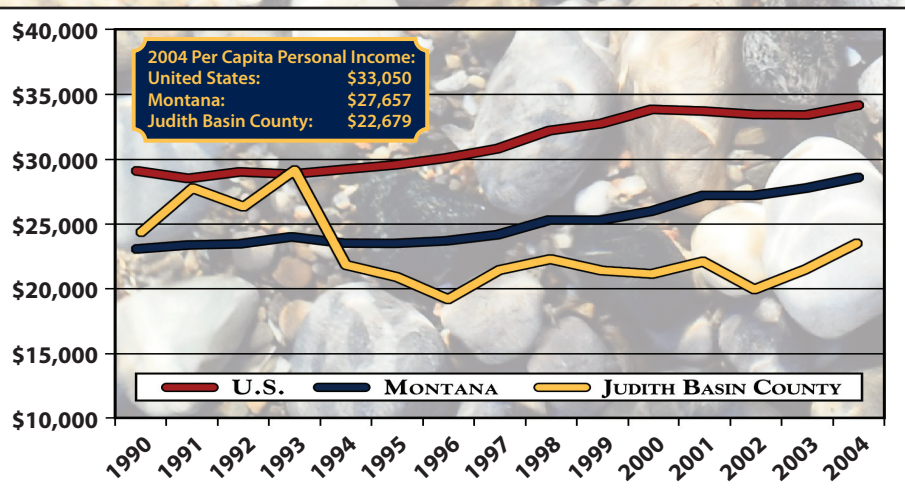
Population for Judith Basin County & Related Areas

Judith Basin County - Annual Average Wages
1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Judith Basin County - Per Capita Personal Income
1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)

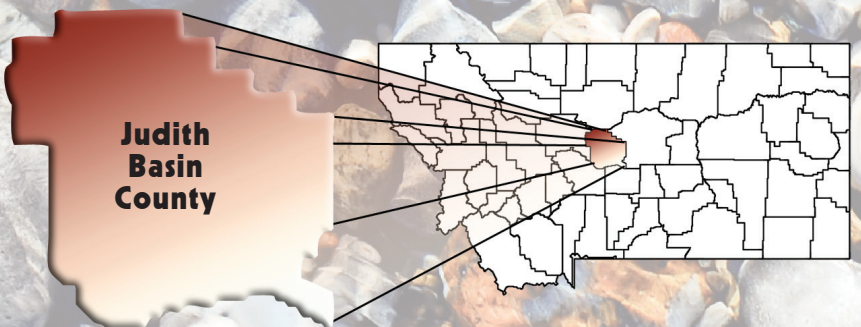


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for

Judith Basin County



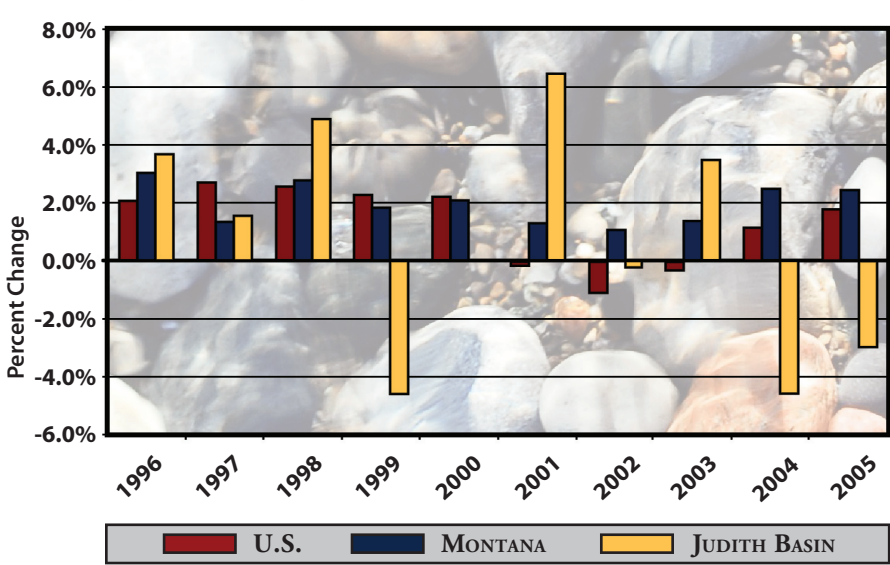
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005
U.S., Montana, and Judith Basin County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Judith Basin County
(Based on 3rd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

| Business Name | Size Class | Business Name | Size Class |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Basin Angus Ranch | 3 | K's Supermarket | 2 |
| Basin State Bank | 4 | Spika Welding & Manufacturing | 3 |
| Black Bull Bar and Steakhouse | 3 | Stevenson Angus Ranch | 3 |
| Heartland Seed, Inc. | 2 | Stevenson Diamond Dot, Inc. | 3 |
| Hobson Child Care | 2 | Taylor's Honey, Inc. | 3 |

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Judith Basin County

| Farms | |
|--|---------|
| Farms: (number) | 316 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 829,846 |
| Average size of farms (acres) | 2,626 |
| Farms by size: (number) | |
| Less than 1,000 acres | 118 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 198 |
| Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number) | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 212 |
| \$100,000 or more | 104 |
| Farms by type of organization: (number) | |
| Family, Individual, Partnership | 277 |
| Corporation, Cooperative, Trust | 39 |

| Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested | |
|--|--------|
| Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number) | |
| Cattle and calves | 51,499 |
| Hogs and pigs | 632 |
| Sheep and lambs | 7,448 |
| Horses and ponies | 977 |
| Bison | (D) |
| Chickens (layers and broilers) | (D) |
| Crops Harvested (acres) | |
| Corn for grain | 0 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 0 |
| Wheat for grain, All | 64,321 |
| Winter wheat for grain | 39,675 |
| Durum wheat for grain | 738 |
| Spring wheat for grain | 23,908 |
| Barley for grain | 24,209 |
| Oats for grain | 856 |
| Sunflower seed, All | 232 |
| Soybeans for beans | 0 |
| Hay, haylage, grass silage | 90,382 |

| Operator Demographics | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Primary occupation: (number) | |
| Farming | 246 |
| Other | 70 |
| Place of residence: (number) | |
| On farm operated | 260 |
| Not on farm operated | 56 |
| Years on present farm: (number) | |
| Less than 10 years | 60 |
| 10 years or more | 256 |
| Age group: (number) | |
| Under 55 years | 180 |
| 55 years and over | 136 |
| Average age of operators: (number) | 54.4 |

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Judith Basin County

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Avg. Annual Employment | Ann. Wages Per Job |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 82 | 401 | \$21,051 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 56 | 197 | \$18,997 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING | 9 | 48 | \$21,863 |
| Animal production | 8 | * | * |
| Agriculture & forestry support | 1 | * | * |
| UTILITIES | 2 | * | * |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7 | 17 | \$32,172 |
| Construction of buildings | 2 | * | * |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 3 | 14 | \$36,175 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 2 | * | * |
| MANUFACTURING | 1 | * | * |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 7 | 18 | \$14,258 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 1 | * | * |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 4 | 12 | \$15,450 |
| Electronic markets & agents and brokers | 2 | * | * |
| RETAIL TRADE | 5 | 19 | \$8,220 |
| Building material & garden supply stores | 1 | * | * |
| Food and beverage stores | 2 | * | * |
| Gasoline stations | 1 | * | * |
| General merchandise stores | 1 | * | * |
| TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING | 1 | * | * |
| FINANCE AND INSURANCE | 1 | * | * |
| REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING | 1 | * | * |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES | 2 | * | * |
| HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 5 | 18 | \$9,925 |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Avg. Annual Employment | Ann. Wages Per Job |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ambulatory health care services | 1 | * | * |
| Social assistance | 4 | * | * |
| ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION | 2 | * | * |
| ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES | 10 | 34 | \$9,762 |
| Accommodation | 1 | * | * |
| Food services and drinking places | 9 | * | * |
| OTHER SERVICES | 3 | 4 | \$18,709 |
| Repair and maintenance | 1 | * | * |
| Private households | 2 | * | * |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 26 | 204 | \$23,041 |
| Local Government | 8 | 154 | \$19,176 |
| State Government | 9 | 14 | \$30,342 |
| Federal Government | 9 | 36 | \$36,611 |

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Judith Basin County

| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployed Rate |
|------|----------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| 2005 | 1,086 | 1,038 | 48 | 4.4% |
| 2004 | 1,111 | 1,066 | 45 | 4.1% |
| 2003 | 1,097 | 1,051 | 46 | 4.2% |
| 2002 | 1,079 | 1,026 | 53 | 4.9% |
| 2001 | 1,119 | 1,072 | 47 | 4.2% |
| 2000 | 1,182 | 1,129 | 53 | 4.5% |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)